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THE SENTINEL AT NEW ORLEANS.

To accommodate the throng from the Northwest who will desire to read their favorite home paper while attending the "World's Exposition," the Sentinel has been placed on sale in New Orleans at George F. Wharton & Bro.'s, No. 5 Carondelet street, between Canal and Common streets.

OLD PAPERS.

Good conditioned old papers for sale at this office at only 40 cents per hundred.

CITY IN BRIEF.

The ladies of Fletcher Place Church will give an oyster supper on Friday evening.

It is understood that Captain J. B. Conner will be a candidate for Treasurer of the State Board of Agriculture.

A ruling on Councilman Spahr's motion to restrain Chief Webster from acting under his late appointment, is expected to-day.

The Annual Pew-Letting of the Second Presbyterian Church will be held in the main audience room, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, January 5.

A meeting of the Coal Exchange was held yesterday, the dealers who lately cut the prices having signified a desire to be again admitted to the pool.

The County Treasurer has received the tax duplicate of 1884 from the Auditor, showing a total value of \$76,321,536 against \$85,642,159 in 1883. The taxable property of the city is \$54,063,050.

There is talk of legislation looking to the setting apart of a portion of the taxes paid by insurance companies in this State, to be known as an arson fund, which is to be applied to the capture and prosecution of in-

cardenials. It is believed that this course will do much to reduce the losses by fire in the State.

The Federal jury now attending court in this city will be discharged until February, on account of the holding of the Federal term at New Albany. Judge Woods is now in Chicago, where he will hold court for three weeks.

Rev. Edward A. Bradley will give the last lecture in the course at May Flower Church this evening. His subject "Marie Antoinette," is treated with great ability and ability, and entertainment promises to be one of the most enjoyable in this popular course.

AMUSEMENTS.

"SPOT CASH."

Large audiences greeted the genial Curtis yesterday afternoon and last night at English's in his new success, "Spot Cash." While it can not be said that "Spot Cash" is a particularly brilliant effort from the playwright's standpoint, it must be admitted that Mr. Curtis has again found a fitting medium for the display of his abilities, and that the series of adventures through which he passes in the new piece give abundant cause for the oft repeated outbursts of laughter and applause with which the audience rewarded last evening's presentation. The commercial traveler or "drummer" has become such an all pervading and characteristic element in business circles that the public quickly appreciated the droll impersonation given by Mr. Curtis in "Sam" of Posen. "Spot Cash" has a story, slight and somewhat disconnected, but all thoughts of the desirability of a plot are forgotten in admiring the stupendous self-confidence, the easy appropriation of every possible advantage offered and the brilliant "store clothes" of the leading character. The several scenes of the four acts are full of lively situations and incidents common to "life on the road," probably not having been allowed to interfere unnecessarily with the plans of the playwright. The action of the play is laid in the office and sample-room of a Chicago hotel, in a railroad station in the same city, and at a Niagara Falls hotel, and many realistic scenic effects are introduced. The daily experiences of the commercial traveler are cleverly burlesqued, and many hints given of the lively character of the nights passed by "drummers," even when not "off the route." Many a good laugh was lost to those unfamiliar with the Hebrew phrases used by Samuel Plastrick in his more confidential moods, but there was ample ground for laughter in the bright and unexpected turns given dialogue by the cool and exasperatingly self-possessed drummer. The climax of audacity reached by Samuel may be guessed from the fact that, when taken in custody charged with a capital crime, through the complications brought about by the Celeste of the old play, he requests permission to telegraph the firm, and does so in the words: "Arrested for murder; shall be in New York to-morrow." The difficult task of retaining the leading characteristics of "Sam" of Posen, and yet giving a fresh interest to the part by the introduction of reasonable eccentricities, was met with a never flagging zeal by Mr. Curtis, and his entire success with his audience is beyond question. Miss Albina De Mer gives evidence of her dramatic abilities as "Celeste," a name assumed by the "drummer," who is again the evil spirit of the drummer. The rest of the cast filled in the several scenes acceptably, and much credit was due to the play upon the stage. "Spot Cash" holds the stage during the present week only. Matinee Saturday.

"A PARLOR MATCH" AT THE GRAND.
Dickson's cosy Grand Opera House was packed to the walls, both yesterday afternoon and last night, and many stood clear through each performance, the attraction being Evans & Hoey's Melodrama in Charles H. Hoyt's latest and best farcical comedy, "A Parlor Match," which is unquestionably the greatest novelty of the season. It made an instantaneous hit, and the large audience laughed, roared and fairly howled throughout the entire performance. It is a rattling, screaming, effervescent diversion, tells an irresistibly funny story, introduces a number of new characters never before portrayed on the stage, and sparkles from beginning to end with wit, rollicky music and mirth. As "A Bunch of Keys" satirizes "The Hotel Clerk" and "A Rag Baby," the pugilistic craze, so does "A Parlor Match" satirize two characters that of a book agent and a tramp. Both are well drawn and are made amusing to please, while Mr. Hoyt has interwoven enough wit and humor to bring the parts into more prominence than those in either of his other two successes. The story is of two farmers who dispute their ancestral rights over such a ridiculous matter during the performance. The play is as funny as any ever seen here, and is without exception the best thing Mr. Hoyt has ever given us. It is so laden with vim, snap, humor, satire, music, dancing, melody and fun that a description would be useless, for no matter how brilliant the paragrapher might be, he would fail to photograph the thousand and one bits of business, comical doings, queer sayings, and the droll manner in which old "cheesnuts" are revealed and made new again. The skit was written to suit the abilities of Mr. Charles E. Evans and Mr. William Hoey, and that the very clever author has done this is made patent in the manner in which these very clever comedians keep their audience in roars of laughter. Charles E. Evans, as "A. M. Corker, Esq.," a book agent, is very amusing, and while constantly doing mirth-provoking things, pulls the strings which make the others dance, act and sing. Mr. William Hoey played old Hoey, a delapidated specimen of humanity, with a seriousness that made the audience fairly shriek with laughter. He never lost sight of the character for an instant, and there was great temptation to degenerate into burlesque. He gave as correct a personification of the character as possible, and all the while did something funny, seemingly without trying. It was artistic comedy work. Miss Jennie Yeaman as "Innocent Kid" was immense. She acted the part with an archness, verve and humor that were irresistible. Her singing was very pleasant, especially that of "Paloma," which she rendered with all the dash of Amee or chic of Theo. Miss Yeaman appeared in numberless costumes, from that of a child of a girl, to the gorgeous train of a woman, and some of them were "stunning" in color and style. Miss Mattie Ferguson looked very pretty and acted nicely as "Lucille Kidd." She was given an enthusiastic reception by her many friends here. Mr. Daniel Hart displayed considerable comic ability as "Captain William Kidd," and did a deal to assist in the fun-making. Mr. Edward Werner in make-up and acting as "McKee of Allen" was capital. Mr. R. N. Dungan played "Ralph Belmont." His rich, ringing, baritone voice told with splendid effect in the solo and chorus. A number of specialties were introduced through means of the spiritualistic cabinet, and were all exceedingly clever. For an evening of laughter and genuine enjoyment, Evans & Hoey and their excellent company of comedians will furnish it. "A Parlor Match" will be the bill again to-night, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow night, and no one should fail to see it.

Cheap price rule. Reserved seats, fifty and seventy-five cents. Admission, fifteen and twenty-five cents.

NOTES.
The prices for a Saturday matinee of "A Parlor Match" will be only twenty-five and fifty cents.

Rich & Harris' Boston Athenaeum Specialty Company will be at English's on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next.

Minnie Palmer, "My Sweetheart," supported by John R. Rogers' excellent company, and fresh from her recent European triumphs, will be at the Grand the latter part of next week.

The advance sale of seats for the engagement of Thomson's Opera Company, in the sparkling opera comique "The Beggar Student," opens this evening at the box office of the Grand Opera House. The prices are unheard-of for opera—fifteen, twenty-five, fifty and seventy-five cents. The engagement is for the first three nights of next week, and the company one of the largest and best that has ever appeared here. "The Beggar Student" had a run of 250 nights in New York, and is pronounced the best of all the light operas.

FOOT PADS

Attack an Officer But Fail to Hold Him—Two Other Men Robbed.

Last evening about 5 o'clock as Tim Griffin, watchman of the State Treasury, was walking along Maryland street near the Board of Trade building, he was approached by three men, one of whom drew a pen knife and demanded his money. Tim struck the man a heavy blow in the face with his fist, knocking him down, whereupon one of the other men flourished a large butcher-knife in the air and started toward Griffin, saying he would have his "heart's blood." He didn't get it, though, for Tim, seeing he was outnumbered, decamped.

About 11 o'clock Wednesday night, as Van Carr, of Scott County, Kentucky, and George Morely, of Oakland, this county, were walking along near the corner of Illinois and South streets, they were met by four men who knocked them down and relieved them of their money, the latter of \$80 and the former of \$5. Both men were badly beaten about the head and face, and neither one is able to give a good description of their assailants.

To the Public.
The needs for the poor this winter are greater than for many years. The lack of work has caused many families heretofore self-supporting to be in want. Do you know what want means? It is to be without fire or food, or money to pay rent. It is to see children hungry and cold. The Greely survivors could tell you just what it means.

The Benevolent Society has no funds save those you give. There are many who are never called upon by any Soliciting Committee. Perhaps you are one of these. Your contributions, however small, will be of value. "As poor yet making many rich," was said of one who gave what he had—himself. Your sleep will be the sweeter these cold nights if you feel that you have helped to make some one warm; your food will taste the better if you know that you have filled some hungry mouth. You can leave or send money to the office of the Benevolent Society, Plymouth Church building.

OSCAR C. McCULLOCH.
To the Collection Committee of the Indianapolis Benevolent Society and Charity Organization Society: If your Committee has not already made its canvass for subscriptions to the Charity Organization and Benevolent Societies, will you please do so at once. The applications for aid are very many, and the known suffering, through lack of work and on account of the severe cold, is great. How much more the unknown suffering! The societies have no funds save as they receive them from the public. And to those who are not solicited by any committee, the request is also made. The funds are very low.

OSCAR C. McCULLOCH.
Changes Among City Officers.
The Board of Health met yesterday morning to organize for the ensuing year. J. W. Murphy was elected Chairman of the meeting, after which the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year:

President—Dr. E. J. Brennan.
Secretary—Dr. William Wands.
Clerk—J. C. O'Brien.

Sanitary Officers—George F. Newcomb and Samuel Barker.
Chemist—Dr. S. E. Earp.

Committee on By-Laws—Drs. Brennan, Wands and Sutcliffe.

C. S. Roney succeeded Mr. Palmer yesterday morning as Street Commissioner.

W. H. Pritchard took charge of the East Market, heretofore under control of O. B. Rankin, as market master, and Tom Keorner became West Market master in place of J. H. Shelton. Jesse DeHaven, as weighmaster, gave way to Ed Conway, and took Green's place as court-house janitor. S. K. Grube took J. G. Parker's place as wood measurer. City Attorney Denny succeeded himself as Dr. Garner, of the City Dispensary; Chief Webster, of the Fire Department, and Superintendent Wishard, of the City Hospital, also continue in their respective positions.

NOTES.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Indiana Paper Company will be held at the office of the company on Tuesday, January 10, 1885.
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